Claim 7 is pending without amendment.

A7X B1	1 2 3 4 5 6	8. An information system under affective control as in claim 7, wherein said means for changing the operation of the application program comprises means for prompting the user to confirm the desired transmission of text if the apparent affective state of the user is questionable, means for receiving the user's response, and means for transmitting only on receipt of affirmative response.

Claims 9 through 12 are pending without amendment.

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		13. A method of conditional transmission of a message to at
		least one recipient based upon the apparent emotional state of the
		writer, comprising the steps of:
		    (a) receiving an instruction to transmit a message from a
		writer;
		    (b) determining the apparent emotional state of the writer;
		    (c) if the apparent emotional state of the writer is
		questionable, warning the writer and prompting the writer to
		confirm that the message should be sent;
		    (d) allowing transmission of the message only upon
		confirmation by the writer that the first message should be sent.

Claim 14 is pending without amendment.

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1   15. A method of receiving and conditionally responding to a

2 received message based upon the apparent emotional state of the

3 respondent, comprising the steps of:

4   (a) receiving a message;

5   (b) presenting the received message to a respondent;

6   (c) receiving a proposed response to the received message

7 from the respondent along with a request to transmit the proposed

8 response to proposed recipients;

9   (d) determining the apparent emotional state of the

10 respondent;

11   (e) if the apparent emotional state of the respondent is

12 questionable, warning the respondent and prompting the respondent

13 to confirm that the proposed response should be sent to the proposed

14 recipients; and

15   (f) allowing transmission of the response to the recipients

16 only upon confirmation by the respondent that the response should

17 be sent to the recipients.

Claim 16 is pending without amendment.

1   17. A method of conditional transmission of a message to at
2 least one recipient based upon the apparent emotional state of the
3 writer, comprising the steps of:
4   (a) receiving a proposed message from a writer along with a
5 request to transmit the proposed message to proposed recipients;
6   (b) determining the emotional state of the writer;
7   (c) if the apparent emotional state of the writer is
8 questionable, warning the writer and prompting the writer to
9 confirm that the proposed message should be sent to the proposed
10 recipients; and
11   (d) allowing transmission of the message to the recipients only
12 upon confirmation by the writer that the message should be sent to
13 the recipients.

1   18. The method of conditional transmission of a message
2 according to claim 17, wherein said step of receiving a proposed
3 message comprises monitoring input characteristics of the writer
4 and said step of determining the emotional state of the writer
5 comprises analyzing the input characteristics of the writer.

Please add the following claims:

1   19. An information system, comprising:
2 an application program for engaging by a user;
3 means for monitoring factors relating to an emotional state of
4 the user; and
5 means for changing the operation of the application program
6 responsive to the emotional state of the user.

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1   20. The information system of claim 19 wherein the means for
2   monitoring the factors relating to the emotional state of the user
3   includes means for monitoring characteristics of text inputted into
4   the application program by the user.

1   21. The information system of claim 20 wherein the means for
2   monitoring characteristics of text inputted includes means for
3   monitoring the incidence of indicative words in the inputted text
4   indicating the emotional state of the user.

1   22. The information system of claim 20 wherein the means for
2   monitoring characteristics of text inputted includes means for
3   monitoring a frequency of indicative words in the inputted text
4   indicating the emotional state of the user.

1   23. The information system of claim 20 wherein the means for
2   monitoring characteristics of text inputted includes means for
3   monitoring appearance characteristics of the inputted text indicating
4   the emotional state of the user.

1   24. The information system of claim 19 wherein the means for
2   monitoring the factors relating to the emotional state of the user
3   includes means for monitoring characteristics of creation of a
4   document by the text inputted by the user.

1   25. The information system of claim 24 wherein the means for
2   monitoring the characteristics of creation of the document includes
3   means for monitoring a length of time for creation of the document
4   by the user prior to completion of the document.

1   26. The information system of claim 24 wherein the means for

2   monitoring the characteristics of creation of the document includes

3   means for monitoring a length of the document created by the user.

1   27. The information system of claim 24 wherein the means for

2   monitoring the characteristics of creation of the document includes

3   means for monitoring the number of intended recipients of the

4   document created by the user.

1   28. The information system of claim 24 wherein the means for

2   monitoring the characteristics of creation of the document includes

3   means for monitoring an identity of intended recipients of the

4   document created by the user.

1   29. The information system of claim 19 wherein the means for

2   monitoring the factors relating to the emotional state of the user

3   includes means for monitoring characteristics of the user as the user

4   inputs text into the application program.

1   30. The information system of claim 29 wherein the means for

2   monitoring characteristics of the user includes means for monitoring

3   a force exerted by the user on a manual input device as the user

4   inputs text.

1   31. The information system of claim 29 wherein the means for

2   monitoring characteristics of the user includes means for monitoring

3   the characteristics of the voice of the user as text is inputted via a

4   voice recognition application program.